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SUBJECT: TRAVEL PLANS OF ROBERT J. HAWKE, PRESIDENT ACTU

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1. REFTEL ARRIVED MELBOURNE MINUTES AFTER HAWKE RAISED SUBJECT OF FINANCE WITH LABATT BY TELEPHONE. HIS PRESENT PLAN IS TO ARRIVE CWA CONVENTION DIRECTLY FROM ELBOURNE JUNE 26; SPEAK JUNE 27; ARRIVE WASHINGTON EVENING JUNE 27; DEPART WASHINGTON JULY 2 OR 3 FOR MELBOURNE. SINCE DATE OF DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S CONFERENCE APPEARANCE IS JULY 20, ANY OTHER PLAN WOULD HAVE HAWKE AWAY FROM AUSTRALIA TOO LONG DURING POTENTIALLY DIFFICULT PERIOD.

2. UNDER NEW CIRCUMSTANCE, HAWKE HAS RAISED QUESTION OF TRAVEL, ASKING IF USG OR CWA FUNDING IS AVAILABLE.

3. LABATT SUGGESTS THAT POSSIBILITY BE RAISED WITH CWA, AND FURTHER, DEPARTMENT CONSIDER UNDERTAKING DOMESTIC TRAVEL FROM CONVENTION TO WASHINGTON/NEW YORK AND SUPPORT FOR RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD. CWA PRESIDENT JOSEPH BEIRNE ISSUED INVITATION TO HAWKE ORIGINALLY NOT WITHIN ILO CONTEXT. SO FAR AS LABATT KNOWS QUESTION OF FINANCE HAS NEVER BEEN MENTIONED BETWEEN THEM. NEITHER EMBASSY OR LABATT
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WAS AWARE EMBARRASSMENT ARISING DURING HAWKE 1970

VISIT AND APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY SETTLE SUCH QUESTION
BEFORE EVENT THIS TIME.
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